



General Assembly

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"AN ACT CONCERNING ZERO-CARBON EMISSIONS."

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) The state hereby declares
4 a climate crisis to demonstrate the urgency for enacting meaningful
5 climate legislation and to support increased efforts to secure federal
6 funds to respond to such crisis. Such crisis threatens the resilience of
7 communities in the state, regardless of zip code, multiple aspects of the
8 state's natural resources and infrastructure assets, the state's economy
9 and the quality of life for younger generations of state residents.
10 Accordingly, the state recognizes the urgency to significantly and
11 rapidly decrease greenhouse gas emissions and increase community
12 coping capacities to handle the impacts of climate change. The state
13 recognizes the need and urgency to mitigate climate impacts and
14 prepare for and manage disaster risk from climate change. Such
15 declaration shall not authorize the Governor to utilize the provisions of
16 this subsection to operate the government of the state through executive

17 order.

18 (b) Not later than January 1, 2025, the Commissioner of Energy and
19 Environmental Protection shall, within available appropriations,
20 produce a comprehensive Connecticut Decarbonization Roadmap. Such
21 roadmap shall identify those regulations, policies and programs
22 necessary to ensure the state achieves the emissions reduction targets
23 set forth in section 22a-200a of the general statutes, including, but not
24 limited to, identifying: (1) Interim and sector-specific targets to assist in
25 the planning process, which the commissioner shall review every five
26 years and update as needed to meet such emissions reductions targets,
27 (2) available federal funds to assist local businesses, schools and
28 municipalities in reducing carbon emissions, (3) the estimated carbon
29 emissions reductions of proposed policies, including the proportion of
30 the total necessary reductions that each recommended policy achieves,
31 (4) a timeline for implementation of recommended actions, (5) each
32 entity with responsibility for implementing the policy, and (6) the
33 estimated net value of the benefits of implementing the proposed
34 policies, including, but not limited to, the energy cost savings and
35 economic benefits.

36 (c) The Connecticut Decarbonization Roadmap shall ensure relevant
37 timelines and deadlines of the Global Warming Solutions Act are met
38 by the state and it shall include tangible actions to meet the emissions
39 reduction requirements set forth in section 22a-200a of the general
40 statutes. Such roadmap may include any information and
41 recommendations from existing planning materials, such as the
42 Governor's Council on Climate Change reports, the state's
43 Comprehensive Energy Strategy, the state's Greenhouse Gas Emissions
44 Inventory Report and the state's Integrated Resources Plan that is
45 relevant to the state achieving such emission reduction targets.

46 (d) Upon completion of such Connecticut Decarbonization Roadmap,
47 the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection shall submit
48 such roadmap to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly
49 having cognizance of matters relating to the environment. Such

50 roadmap shall be implemented upon the approval of both chambers of
 51 the General Assembly. The failure of the General Assembly to approve
 52 such roadmap shall not affect the authority of any state agency to
 53 implement any action otherwise within such agency's authority.

54 (e) In developing the Connecticut Decarbonization Roadmap, the
 55 Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection shall convene
 56 stakeholder meetings of potentially impacted parties, including, but not
 57 limited to, representatives of the following entities: (1) Utilities and
 58 municipal utilities, (2) commercial and industrial heating and cooling
 59 companies, (3) residential heating and cooling companies, (4) industrial
 60 and manufacturing companies, (5) natural gas distribution and service
 61 companies, (6) transportation and home-heating fuels services and
 62 companies, (7) rail service companies, (8) trucking companies, (9) bus
 63 transportation services and companies, (10) air transportation
 64 providers, (11) natural and working lands organizations, (12)
 65 commercial and residential builders, (13) realtors, (14) state-wide
 66 business organizations, (15) schools and places of higher education, (16)
 67 municipalities, (17) environmental groups, (18) solid waste and
 68 recycling providers, (19) waste-to-energy facilities, (20) nuclear
 69 generating facilities, and (21) residents of the state."

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| This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections: | | |
| Section 1 | <i>from passage</i> | New section |